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1. BRASILIA PAPERS:

2. JORNAL DE BRASILIA FRONT-PAGE BANNER "KISSINGER ARRIVES TODAY AND WILL NOT MAKE ECONOMIC DECISIONS""IS FOLLOWED BY REPORT ON PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BRASILIA; IT SAYS: "... TWO THINGS WERE MADE CLEAR YESTERDAY: KISSINGER WILL NOT DISCUSS, NOR WILL HE SIGN, ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS. (HE IS) LIMITING HIS DISCUSSIONS TO THE POLITICAL FIELD. FINANCE MINISTER MARIO SIMONSEN SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE AND PLANNING MINISTER REIS VELLOSO WILL ONLY EXCHANGE UNCLASSIFIED

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IDEAS ON ECONOMIC TOPICS WITH THE SECSTATE. ... BUT

SIMONSEN SEES KISSINGER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL AS EVIDENCE THAT US IS INCLINED TO IMPROVE TRADE RELATIONS. ..." (FEB. 19).
(A) PAPER'S SECOND PAGE CARRIES THIRD ARTICLE OF LEOCADIO GUIMARAES SERIES HEADLINED "MR. K IN THE COUNTRY OF SOCCER," SAYING: "... BECAUSE KISSINGER ENDED AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, ... THE MISINFORMED CAN BELIEVE THAT HE IS A GENEROUS PACIFIST, SUPPORTER OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND OTHER LIBERAL IDEAS. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. KISSINGER IS AN INTERVENTIONIST. HE BELIEVES THAT US MUST HAVE AREAS AND POSITIONS WHICH GUARANTEE ITS SECURITY... FORCE IS AN ALTERNATIVE NEVER DISCARDED BY KISSINGER. ... HOWEVER, HIS MAIN WEAPON IS DIPLOMACY, NEGOTIATION AS A WAY TO MAKE COMMITMENTS. I AM CONVINCED THAT (KISSINGER'S) PROJECT FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD, IS BASED ON ... THE BALANCE OF POWER, ... (WHICH IS) NEVER FORGOTTEN IN ALL THAT HE DOES OR SAYS. ..." (FEB. 19).

(B) JORNAL DE BRASILIA CONTINUES DEVOTING PAGES THREE AND FOUR TO KISSINGER'S LATAM TRIP. PAGE THREE REPORTS IN DETAIL ALL PREPARATIONS FOR KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL IN BRASILIA AND CARRIES ITEM SAYING: "US SHOULD RECOGNIZE BRAZIL AS 'MATURE AND PREFERENTIAL ALLY.' THIS WAS ASSUMED BY A (BRAZILIAN) DIPLOMAT WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BRASILIA, .. WHO SAID THAT THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THIS RECOGNITION WILL BE THE (POLITICAL) DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED BY KISSINGER AND SILVEIRA NEXT SATURDAY IN BRASILIA. ... THE PURPOSE OF SUCH DOCUMENT IS TO DEMONSTRATE, WITH GREAT EMPHASIS, THAT BRAZIL AND US WANT TO OPEN A NEW AND HIGH-LEVEL CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION.... THE US MAY NOT WANT TO CREATE ILLUSIONS WHICH (FOR DOMESTIC REASONS) COULD NOT BE MADE CONCRETE. THIS MEANS THAT THE UNDERSTANDINGS WILL BE BASED ON VERY REALISTIC PRINCIPLES. ON THE PART OF BRASIL, ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT OUR COUNTRY WILL NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL REALITY AND WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, AND MONETARY FIELDS. IT SEEMS THAT BRAZIL HAS NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS ON INFLEXIBLE POSITIONS, BUT IT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT GLOBAL PROBLEMS CANNOT BE ... RESOLVED BY FREEZING OF STRUCTURE OF GLOBAL POWER. ..." (FEB.19)

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3. CORREIO BRAZILIENSE FRONT-PAGES TWO-COLUMNS REPORT HEADLINED "WITH KISSINGER, SEARCH FOR A SHORT-CUT TO (TRADE) BALANCE." QUOTE BRAZILIAN CONGRESSMEN: "FOR DEPUTY FLAVIO MARCILIO (ARENA), PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FOREIGN COMMITTEE, US PLANS FOR AID TO THE HEMISPHERE HAVE BEEN 'PLATONIC.' DEPUTY LYSANEAS MACIEL (MDB), BELIEVES THAT ONE OF REASONS FOR KISSINGER'S VISIT IS THE INTEREST OF POWERFUL AMERICAN ECONOMIC GROUPS IN PRESERVING THEIR INTERESTS IN THE

SO-CALLED 'EXTRACTION COLONIES.' "...

(A) INSIDE PAGE CARRIES AFP NEWS REPORT ON KISSINGER'S LIMA VISIT AND REPORT ON PREPARATIONS IN BRASILIA FOR HIS ARRIVAL, CONGRESSMEN'S STATEMENTS AND ARTICLE BY COLUMNIST FEICHAS MARTINS SAYING: "... THOSE WHO HASTILY MINIMIZE IMPORTANCE OF KISSINGER'S VISIT ONLY BECAUSE BRASIL'S POSITION IN ANGOLA IS PRIVILEGED ... MUST KEEP IN MIND THAT NO POWER IS CREATED FROM NIGHT TO DAY. ... THIS TIME KISSINGER WILL BE TALKING AND LISTENING. BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT BRAZIL SHOULD ADOPT RADICAL ATTITUDES SUCH AS TO BEGIN DIALOGUE ONLY IF THE US DEMONSTRATES ITSELF AN UNCONDITIONAL ALLY OF BRAZIL. ..." (FEB. 19).

(B) BENEDITO COUTINHO'S COLUMN HEADLINED "KISSINGER: OLD FORMULAS" SAYS ".... AFTER TLATELOLCO AND THE EXPERIENCE ACCUMULATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WE HAD HOPES TO HEAR SOMETHING BETTER THAN THE 'SIX POINTS OF CARACAS'. THE POLICY OF GENERALIZING TREATMENT OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE CONTINUES TO BE PREDOMINANT TONE. ..." (FEB. 19).

(C) EDITORIAL HEADLINED "WELCOME, MR. KISSINGER" SAYS: "... TIMES HAS ARRIVED TO PUT THE CARDS ON THE TABLE AND PLAY A VERY OPEN GAME. BRAZIL NEEDS THE US BUT THE US ALSO NEEDS AND WILL CONTINUE TO NEED BRAZIL. ... YOU, MR. KISSINGER, CONDUCT AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. BUT IN RELATION TO BRAZIL -- PLEASE FORGIVE OUR FRANKNESS-- YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TOO CLEVER. ... YOU HAVE POSTPONED TRIPS WHICH YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE POSTPONED, AT LEAST FOR SO LONG: ... BUT THERE IS STILL TIME TO DIALOGUE ON MANY AND VERY IMPORTANT MATTERS. ... AND NEVER IS TOO LATE FOR DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL FEEL AT HOME IN OUR COUNTRY. (FEB. 19).

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